

Church News.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE.

I presume a condensed report of the proceedings of our State Conference has been received at the EVANGELIST office ere this. But we feel like sending in a few notes also. The conference was quite well attended; yet all the churches were not represented. Only the following churches responded with their full number of delegates. Turlock, Vernalis, Lathrop, Rosena, East Union and Ripon. All went along smoothly and in the right spirit. We prophesy a bright future for the Brethren church in California. And why? Because we have steady old pilots at the helm. The trustees of the Brethren church were re-elected and organized with Elder J. W. Beer, president; Elder H. R. Holsinger, secretary; brother E. Reynolds, treasurer. And because we have a new "Board of Evangelism" elected, which proves that system of the work to be the most satisfactory.

The Board organized with brother C. Ronk, president; J. H. Gardner, secretary; J. M. Wolfe, Treasurer. A good spirit of doing Mission work was also manifested, from the fact that \$111.00 was subscribed in a few months time, and others paid their back dues. Notwithstanding pledges were not all paid in, yet there was enough paid to settle up with the State Evangelist, and a few dollars left. The next Conference will be held at Turlock, and with such zealous members as they have down there, we look forward for a good Conference. Turlock will soon be another stronghold, and is already a power for doing much good.

B. G. FREDERICK.

Ripon, Calif.

FROM HOMER, OHIO.

Our Sunday-school is growing in interest under the able management of brother John Hart assisted by an excellent corps of officers and teachers. Our preaching service is well attended. We have regular preaching every two weeks, with evening preaching every moonlight Sunday night. Our young members are working nobly. Communion on May 11, at 7:30 p. m. Everybody is invited. Come brethren and sisters enjoy it with us.

H. S. JACOBS.

COMMUNION NOTICE.

The brethren and sisters of the New Highland church will hold their spring communion, May 13, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. All of like faith are invited to come and be with us.

CHAS. E. STEPHEY.

FROM WILLIAMSTOWN OHIO.

At our church meeting held at this place March 30, I was appointed, but not by choice, corresponding secretary, which position I have often thought is a critical one. But in regard to our church at this place will say that it is moving along nicely under the pastorate of brother A. J. Baughman, whose service was secured at that meeting for the coming year. We have not had any such great gatherings, but the church has had a steady growth both spiritual and numerical ever since it has been organized here. Our Sabbath-school at this place is in a good working condition, and we hope the same interest will be taken through the entire summer that there is at the present time.

April 22.

W. O. TROWBRIDGE.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

Brother W. H. Herrington who has been confined to his bed for about eighteen weeks was taken out of the plaster paris cast Sunday morning. The doctors believe that this time the union of the fractured bones is all right. Brother Herrington is feeling well, and is enjoying his release very much. Sixteen weeks on a hard slat bed on your back fastened down by a weight is a long time, and no wonder the brother enjoys springs upon the bed and the privilege of turning over. He will remain in bed several weeks longer so that all will be sure and safe. His many friends rejoice over this success.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

FROM AUBURN, ILL.

I arrived here two weeks ago to-day, and found an earnest little band ready to renew their efforts in the great harvest field of the Lord. Our band is small, numbering in all about twenty-five. But all seem to be willing to do all they can. We have preaching twice upon every first and third Sabbaths in Auburn, and twice upon every second and fourth Sundays at the Ireland school-house, about four miles north and one half mile west of Auburn. May the Lord grant us his everlasting peace, and may he come with convicting power to the hearts of sinful men. Brethren give us your prayers.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

FROM AKRON, IND.

The cause at Highland church is moving along nicely. We have a Brethren Sunday-school, this term, with S. S. Hoffman as superintendent. Every teacher and officer belong to the Brethren church. I hope we will have a successful school. The two first Sundays in the quarter we did not have the quarterlies.

C. E. STEPHEY.

KANEMORADO ITEMS.

We have just closed our third series of meetings for this winter. We held one week's meeting in our hall in town, when we received a telegram that our mother was lying at the point of death, and was calling us from our work to her bed-side, in eastern Kansas, so we had to close our meetings until our return. The good Lord has spared our dear mother's life and she is still improving.

After an absence of ten days we returned and continued the meeting for another three weeks. On Wednesday we immersed five applicants. Four of them being heads of families. At the confirmation services in the evening, another young lady came forward, and others have promised to come soon.

The church here at Beaver City is spiritually in a good condition, but financially we are in a bad condition. We have appealed for assistance to carry on the work, and as yet have received but one response to our appeal. Some churches even promised us some support, but have failed to respond yet. Brethren, will you not please assist us in the work by sending a donation to B. F. Seibert, Beaver City, Neb?

We will report our winter's work as follows: Beginning Nov. 4th and closing Dec. 2nd at our country church, a series of meetings: Result. Six received by baptism and two reclaimed. Then beginning Dec. 19th and closing Feb. 5th at Portis, Kans., result, thirty-seven applicants, twenty-six received by baptism and five by relation. We then began a series in Beaver City, March 6th and closing April 14th. Result, five received by baptism with one applicant to be baptized yet. Total, sixteen week's meetings, one hundred and thirty-five services, forty-two received into the church. We praise God for his assisting grace, and take fresh courage.

At the close of our meeting in Portis, Kan., we organized a Sunday-school and King's Children Society. We closed our meeting in Beaver City by organizing a Sunday-school, making two schools in our congregation, both Brethren and using our literature, and will meet Sunday, May 5, to organize a King's Children Society.

We will hold our regular quarterly communion service on Thursday evening, May 9th. We are highly pleased with our church paper,—with its entire make-up, and the GLORIOUS news it brings each week. May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon its editor and contributors.

April 24.

J. R. KELLER.

Beaver City, Neb.